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CULTIVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new medicinal plants have been grown and seeds developed during the last three years;

(b) if so, the names thereof; and

(c) the action plan of the Government to develop the cultivation of medicinal plants in the forthcoming years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) &(b): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research have identified a new medicinal plant namely Swertia chirata for which production technology is in the process of development.

(c): This Ministry if implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture - Supplementation/Complementation of State efforts through Work Plan. Under this scheme the State Governments have the flexibility to take up programmes as per their felt needs and priority, which includes development of Medicinal and aromatic plants. Besides, the National Medicinal Plants Boards in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is providing assistance for production and supply of quality planting material, area expansion, value addition and contractual farming of medicinal plants.